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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ESTABLISHES SCHEDULE FOR EX PARTE MEETINGS REGARDING UNBUNDLING PROCEEDING

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WC Docket No. <u>04-313</u> CC Docket No. 01-338

On August 20, 2004, the Commission released an Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Interim Order and NPRM), FCC 04-179, seeking comment on a variety of issues related to the development of final network unbundling rules. Comments on the Commission's NPRM are due on October 4, 2004 and reply comments are due on October 19, 2004. Specific filing instructions are detailed in the Interim Order and NPRM.

As described in the Interim Order and NPRM, this matter shall be treated as a "permit-butdisclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules. Staff from the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competition Policy Division will be available for meetings regarding parties' comments on October 11, 12, 13, and 14, 2004. These meetings will be scheduled for 30 minutes each. Aside from the meetings described above, ex parte meetings with the Competition Policy Division related to this proceeding will occur only at the request of Division staff.

To schedule meetings pursuant to this Notice, please contact Myrva Charles, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1506.

For further information regarding this proceeding, please contact Russell Hanser, Competition Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1580, or via e-mail at Policy Division. Russell.Hanser@fcc.gov.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.200 et seq.